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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thanks for the prompt reply to my letter & inquiry & please, no apology is necessary about your typing. I can't type at all. Thats why I write everything out in long hand. I use the excuse that it adds the personal touch, but its just cause my typing stinks. Fortunatly, I used to have a lady up in New Jersey (thats where Im from) who did my typing for me. Mostly poetry (some of which has been published) but nothing really great.

Now, about "Mad Anthony Wayne" being the Swamp Fox. Were you testing me, or had you really forgotten that Colonel Francis Marion of S. Carolina was the Swamp Fox and Mad Anthony Wayne was the commander of the Pennsylvania Line in Washingtons Continental Army. If my wife were to read this she'd just say I was being a smart alec again. She hates history. I love it.

The Kennedy Assassination has always held a great fascination for me. In fact Ive been told by my history hating wife that Im obsessed with it. I think what Im obsessed with is an honest search for the truth.

I know that there were cover-ups all the way down the line in the case and it haunts me. Ive also found it hard, at times, over the years to belive all of the hairbrained theories that some writers come up with. David Lifton for one & some of what Mr. Groden has said really distress me.

One thing, however, I would like to put to you-point blank-so-to-speak and thats the destruction of evidence. In all of the materials that the government has kept locked away (much of which you've obtained) do you really think that the truly damaging material still exists? Or would most of it have been destroyed years ago? If I were a criminal I would not keep a record of my crimes.

I have always been a believer in logic and fate. I believe that many times in life things happen that are very improbable, but they happen never the less. For instance. Ive always believed in the "Single Bullet Theory". I acknowledge that it could be wrong, but I also acknowledge that it could be possible. I'm sad to say that I am a combat veteran and I have seen two men hit by the same bullet. This is not common, but it happens.

Also I know that the FBI's expert riflemen were unable to duplicate the supposed performance of L.H.O. with the Mannlicher rifle. However, the performance was duplicated for CBS News by 11 picked riflemen at a speceally constructed range at H.P. White Laboratories in Maryland in 1968.

I know that the media are slanted in their ideas about the assassination, but Ive seen some of their programs (NOVA in 1992) and some of their arguments are very strong.

Can we, any of us, really be unbraised and impartial? This is why I feel I must read more of your work. I have got to answer these questions to my satisfaction.

Here's something your theory about the curb stone got me thinking about. Suppose the first shot was the one that missed the car. If it hit the street behind the car (right rear) at an angle and at 2000+ fps. might it not shatter appart sending one chuck (minus the copper jacket) flying off down Elm Street to strike the curb near Mr. Teague. That would explain there only being traces of lead & antimony on the curb stone. What do you think. Ill be anxious to hear.

Sincerly,

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P.S.

I can sympathize with you re: your physical problems, I have a partialy herniated disc in my lower back and periodically it gives me hell!

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